

SELECTMEN'S

ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

— OF THE —

TOWN OF SOUTH HAMPTON, N. H.,

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORT

— OF THE —

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 5, 1868.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT

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Receipts and Expenditures.

OF THE TOWN OF

SOUTH HAMPTON, N. H.

Receipts.

Cash on hand in the Treasury, March 6, 1867,	\$ 293 44
“ hired of Thomas J. Goodwin,	400 00
“ “ Sally A. Barnard,	1200 00
“ “ Eliza F. Currier,	500 00
“ “ Levi T. Currier,	200 00
“ received of F. B. French for grass at the Pool and Beach,	3 50
“ “ State,—Railroad tax, 1867,	1 15
“ “ “ Literary Fund, “	16 05
“ “ “ United States Bounties,	146 00
“ “ Phillips White, Collector, 1862,	8 74
“ “ Andrew J. Currier, “ 1866,	463 54
“ “ “ “ “ 1867,	3299 29
Whole amount of Receipts,	\$6581 71

Expenditures.

NOTE AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid James Palmer, note and interest in full,	\$158 25
“ Philip Currier, “ “ “	211 17
“ Eliza F. Currier, “ “ “	999 66
“ David Cutler, “ “ “	425 33
“ Abr'm Shaw's heirs “ “ “	252 33
“ Fanny N. Shaw, “ “ “	195 81
“ Jere. M. Goodwin, “ “ “	79 50
“ Wm. E. Brown, “ “ “	55 88
“ John A. Morrill, “ “ “	105 57
“ Thomas Flanders, interest on note, 1866,	12 00
“ George Jewell, “ “ 1867,	66 00
“ Eliza D. Pillsbury, “ “ “	30 00
“ Barnard School Fund, “ “ “	84 00
“ Abner J. Wiggin, “ “ “	48 00
“ Mary A. Wiggin, “ “ “	35 10
“ William H. Currier, “ “ “	28 00
“ Sally Currier, “ “ “	7 00
“ Eliza F. Currier, “ “ “	20 00
“ Thomas Flanders, “ “ “	12 00
“ Hannah Weed, “ “ “	24 00
“ John A. Morrill, “ “ “	6 00
“ Levi T. Currier, “ “ “	23 00
“ Nancy T. Currier, “ “ “	18 00
“ Samuel S. White, “ “ “	12 00
“ Thomas J. Goodwin, “ “ “	72 00
“ Sally A. Barnard, “ “ “	228 60
“ Jacob Jewell, “ “ “	4 50
	\$3213 70

Support of Schools.

Paid John Paige, Prudential Committee, School District No. 1,	\$190 43
“ Jacob Eaton, “ “ “ “ No. 2,	144 78
“ Wm. F. Towle, “ “ “ “ No. 3,	80 84
	\$416 05

Support of Poor.

Paid Dr. J. G. Gale for medicine and attendance on Mary A. Jones,	\$ 3 00
“ William A. Buzzell for support of Mary A. Jones,	44 60
“ Thomas F. Goodwin “ “ “ “	51 50
“ Nathan Wells, eight weeks' support of Mary A. Jones,	16 00
“ Jacob B. French, furnishing meals and lodging to transient paupers,	5 00
“ for supplies to John Jenkins and family,	12 00
“ for clothing Mary A. Jones, as follows:	
For delaine, calico, flannel, cotton cloth, &c.,	11 29
2 handkerchiefs and stocking yarn,	1 75
2 pairs shoes,	4 75
	\$149 89

Abatement on Taxes.

Paid abatements on taxes assessed, 1862,	\$8 74
“ “ “ “ 1866,	2 50
	<u>\$11 24</u>

Highways and Bridges.

Paid Samuel P. Eaton for plough broken on highway,	\$11 00
William W. Aiken, six days' labor on Chase road, in summer,	7 20
Ebenezer Woodman, highway surveyor, Dist. No. 6, for twenty hours' labor breaking paths, March, 1867,	3 00
David Kimball, highway surveyor, Dist. No. 5, for labor breaking paths, March, 1867,	3 00
William F. Towle, labor on new road at the Peak, 10 days,	19 50
“ “ “ 13 hours' labor shoveling snow, February, 1868,	1 95
Washington F. Currier, 4 hours' shoveling snow, Peak road, Mar. '67,	60
Nathan H. Brown, 14 hours' shoveling snow, March, 1867,	2 10
David T. Woodman, 6 hours breaking snow paths, February, 1868,	90
S. N. Welch, 40 hours' labor, Chase road, summer, 1867,	6 00
J. B. French, 15 do do do do	2 25
W. F. Currier, 8 do do do do	1 20
Anson Gile, 20 do do do do	3 00
Samuel Cate, 1 1-2 do do do do	22
John E Tenney, 2 do do do do	30
R. S. White, 10 do do do do	1 50
J. B. French for use of plough on highway one day,	50
John Currier, 45 feet timber for bridge,	90
Jacob Eaton, 30 hours, Chase road, summer, 1867,	4 50
“ “ 23 “ “ “ breaking paths, 1868,	3 45
Benjamin A. Currier, 10 hours, breaking paths, 1868,	1 50
Benjamin Sawyer, 7 “ “ “ March, 1868,	1 05
Thomas Sawyer, 3 “ “ “ “	45
Joseph Stockman, 7 1-2 “ “ “ “	1 13
Jos. W. Stockman, 1 3-4 “ “ “ “	27
Ebenezer Woodman, 3 “ “ “ “	45
O. H. F. Delaware, 2 1-2 “ “ “ “	37
John C. Evans, 20 “ “ “ “	3 00
I. F. Purinton, shoveling snow, Peak road, March, 1867,	8 00
Abel Brown, 4 hours' shoveling snow, March, 1868,	60
George W. French, 4 hours' shoveling snow, March, 1867,	60
“ “ 60 hours, Chase road, May, 1867,	9 00
“ “ 2 “ “ July, 1867,	30
“ “ 25 “ “ October, 1867,	3 75
“ “ 30 “ “ November, 1867,	4 50
“ “ obtaining timber and repairing railing at Grassy Brook bridge,	1 50
	<u>\$109 54</u>

Town Officers.

Paid Alfred Jewell, services as Town Clerk,	\$20 00
F. B. French, services as Superintending School Committee,	15 00
I. F. Purinton, services as Sexton,	8 00
Andrew J. Currier, services as Collector,	30 00
Gilman B. Currier, services as Selectman,	20 00
do do house room, &c., \$12; extra appraisal \$2,	14 00
do do two days to Exeter, \$4; stationery & stamps, \$5,	9 00
do do time and expense to Concord to obtain bounty, literary fund, and pay State tax,	8 00
do do services as Overseer of the Poor,	5 00
do do do Treasurer,	25 00
do do getting Reports printed and distributing, 1867,	1 50
George W. French, services as Selectman,	20 00
do do extra appraisal \$2; two days to Exeter, \$4,	6 00
do do time and expense to Haverhill and East Kingston,	4 00
do do do Portsmouth to consult A. R. Hatch,	4 00
do do time hiring money, \$3; postage on letters, 45 cts,	3 45
do do getting Reports printed and distributing, 1863,	1 50
Franklin B. Brown, services as Selectman,	20 00
do do extra appraisal,	2 00
do do services as Overseer of the Poor,	1 00
	\$217 45

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid State Treasurer—State tax,	\$1250 00
County Treasurer—County tax,	452 63
Wm. H. B. Currier, printing 300 Reports, March, 1867,	18 00
do do do tax bills,	2 50
D. L. Bartlett for Collector's book,	87
Michael F. Hoyt, 5 1-4 pounds of white paint,	1 00
W. Allen & Son, three locks, clasps, &c., for town house door and burying ground gates,	2 81
Ephraim Clifford, supporting watering trough,	3 00
Non-resident highway orders,	6 66
Discount on taxes collected before September 1st,	77 09
Discount on taxes collected before December 1st,	36 66
For blank Inventory and highway surveyor's books,	1 72
For three small blank books for taking inventory,	30
I. F. Purinton, care of town house, \$5; rope for hearse, 70 cts.,	5 70
H. Flint, gate for old burying ground,	3 00
E. B. Bartlett for one sheep injured by dog,	3 00
George W. French, cash paid S. Currier for three cedar posts,	1 00
do do going to Newton twice for posts and paint,	1 25
do do labor obtaining, hanging and painting gate, labor on fence, cutting bushes on old burying ground,	2 25
do do labor shaping, painting and setting posts, and la- bor on fence on new burying ground,	2 25
do do obtaining locks for town house and burying ground gates, and putting them on,	1 50
	\$1873 19

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

Whole amount of receipts,	-	\$6531 71
Paid Note and Interest account,	\$3213 70	
" Support of Schools,	416 05	
" " of Poor,	149 89	
" Abatement on Taxes,	11 24	
" Highways and Bridges,	109 54	
" Town Officers,	217 45	
" Miscellaneous Expenses,	1873 19	
Whole amount of Expenditures,		\$5991 06
Cash in the Treasury,		\$ 540 65
Whole amount of Taxes committed to the Collector, for 1867, as by warrants may appear,		\$3844 16
Of which he has paid the Treasurer,		3299 29
Balance in Collector's hands,		\$ 544 87

THE TOWN OWES NOTES IN FAVOR OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, BEARING 6 PER CENT INTEREST.

Jacob Jewell,	\$ 75	Mary A. Wiggin,	\$585
Thomas Flanders,	200	Eliza D. Pillsbury,	500
Samuel S. White,	200	Abner J. Wiggin,	800
Nancy T. Currier,	300	George Jewell,	1100
Hannah Weed,	400	Thomas J. Goodwin,	1400
Sally Currier,	100	Barnard School Fund,	1400
Levi T. Currier,	500	Sally A. Barnard,	4200
William H. Currier,	400		
Eliza F. Currier,	500	Total,	\$12,660

THE ASSETS OF THE TOWN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Due from Wm. C. Randall, Collector for 1858,	1 60
do Benjamin B. Brown, " " 1861,	3 20
do Phillips White, " " 1862,	18 89
do John Paige, " " 1864,	66 99
do John Paige, " " 1865,	95 51
do Andrew J. Currier, " " 1866,	145 11
do Andrew J. Currier, " " 1867,	544 87
do United States—Bounties,	1054 00
do Newton—railroad tax,	12 00
do Estate of Maj. Eaton, grass,	1 25
do Note in favor of the town signed by James M. Heath and Rufus F. Dow, dated Sept. 3, 1863, with interest,	383 70
Cash on hand in the Treasury,	540 65
Whole amount of Assets,	2867 77

Recapitulation.

Whole amount of Indebtedness,	\$12,660 00
Whole amount of Assets,	2867 77
Present Town Debt,	\$9792 23
Town Debt last year,	10,049 28
Town Debt present year,	9792 23
Decrease of debt,	\$257 05

Amount of tax collected on dogs,
Paid E. B. Bartlett,

\$38 00
3 00

Balance, 35 00

This balance is to be divided equally among the School Districts after the second Tuesday of March, 1868. See Chap. 55, Sec. 15, General Statutes.

GILMAN B. CURRIER, } Selectmen
GEORGE W. FRENCH, } of
FRANKLIN B. BROWN, } South Hampton, N. H.

The undersigned have examined the foregoing Selectmen's account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

RUFUS DOW, } Auditors
JACOB B. FRENCH, } of
EDWARD T. MERRILL, } Selectmen's Accounts.
South Hampton, N. H., March 5, 1868.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

At the close of the municipal year it devolves upon us again to report to the town, at its annual meeting, the condition and progress of its schools.

The subject of schools or the school system has become so general and common, its principles have been so thoroughly tried, its appliances are so numerous, that little can be said which will be called new; but education is expressive of progress, and there are certain conditions upon which success is determined,—the fact of education, its importance, its results, its demands, are self-evident, and, like all fixed laws, need not be discussed.

The parental interests of the State require that all the children thereof should have such an education as may fit them for the right fulfillment of their social and moral duties as good citizens. In accordance with this requirement, legal provisions have long been made for the establishment of public schools, where all may share the equal advantages of their locality.

A long term of years has led to the gradual but sure progress of our system. Our State has partaken liberally of the spirit that designs to enlarge the true wealth of our people, by adding imperishable treasures to their minds, by instructing the young with good moral and religious principles which enable them to engage in the

business of life with prospect of success, and their conduct, wherever the path of enterprise may have led them, bears a living testimony to the excellence of our institutions, and their power to form the character and direct the energies of the young to gain the best attainments of our time.

The principal obstacle to the progress of our schools is the trifling value placed upon education by too many parents; with them the education of their children is of secondary importance, while the acquisition of riches occupies their undivided attention. It is to be lamented that parents are prone to take their children from school for the purpose of the profit to be derived from their labor, at a time when their powers are most adapted to treasure the best of riches in their own minds.

The Registers show only fifty-nine per cent. in attendance; this is a loss of forty-one per cent. of our already too small School Fund. Does the parent consider carefully whether it is good policy, "in the long run," to enrich the pocket at the expense of impoverishing the mind; and whether it would not be better to persevere in the education, even at the self-denial, when the education would return the largest interest for the apparent loss. Another loss of the benefits of our system arises from tardiness and dismissal. The Registers show five hundred and sixty-four instances in both. These are often coming from the indulgence of parents in sending excuses to shield the scholar from the censure of the teacher, and the loss of his place in the class. In some instances this system of excuses has been so applied as to release the pupil from all laborious or unwelcome studies of the school; and at the end the complaint comes that the school has been unprofitable, and the blame is made to fall upon the teacher, who has been helpless against parental interference.

A good degree of success has attended our schools the past year. The teachers have shown themselves worthy the task assigned them, and with pleasure your Committee has noticed the good order, wholesome discipline, and cheerful obedience to teachers, which generally prevail, and also the kindly relations that exist between teacher, pupil and parent.

Annexed are tables of statistics connected with the several schools for the year now closing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FREDERICK B. FRENCH,

Superintending School Committee.

South Hampton, March, 1868.

TABLE NO. 1,

Showing the Number of Scholars, Attendance, Length of Schools,
Teachers' Wages, etc. etc.

	District No. 1.			District No. 2.			Dist. No. 3.		Total.
	1st term.	2d term.	3d term.	1st term.	2d term.	3d term.	1st term.	2d term.	
Length of term, in weeks,	11	12	9	9	8	6	7	12.5	74.5
Whole number of scholars,	37	33	24	29	22	22	11	10	88
Average attendance,	29.2	23	20	23	15	19	10	7	52
Instances of tardiness,	83	82	39	136	65	18	12	1	436
Instances of dismissal,	43	18	12	23	13	6	5	20	128
Number of scholars not late,	15	13	9	2	5	11	2	9	46
Number of scholars not absent one half day,	8	3	4	2	8	4	2	2	24
Number of scholars not absent nor late,	4	3	3	1	6	2	2	2	16
Teacher's wages per month,	\$20	20	20	24	24	20	18	18	60.6
Number of visits by Superintending School Com.,	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	14
Number of visits by citizens,	14	15	32	1	4	21	8	20	115
Number of scholars attending to Reading,	29	25	24	25	20	22	11	10	
“ “ “ “ Spelling,	29	25	20	25	20	22	11	10	
“ “ “ “ Penmanship,	25	25	18	13	9	10	9	9	
“ “ “ “ Arithmetic,	29	25	21	25	18	20	7	9	
“ “ “ “ Algebra,	2			2	1	1	1	1	
“ “ “ “ Grammar,	17	15	9	12	7	7	7	7	
“ “ “ “ Geography,	22	20	13	13	7	10	6	6	
“ “ “ “ Composition,		4	3	6		7	3		
“ “ “ “ History,				1					
“ “ “ “ Physiology,			3				1	1	
“ “ “ “ other studies,	1			1			1	1	

TABLE NO. 2,

Showing Prudential Committees, Teachers, School Money, etc. etc.

	District No. 1.	District No. 2.	District No. 3.
Prudential Com.	John Paige.	Jacob Eaton.	William F. Towle.
Teachers, }	Rhoda C. Woodman.	Annie M. Fifield, 1st and 2d terms. Laura J. Smith, 3d term.	Mary O. Forsaith.
Residence,	South Hampton.	Kingston.	South Hampton.
Town's money,	\$184.08	\$139.43	\$75.49
Literary Fund,	\$5.35	\$5.35	\$5.35
Terms } 1st term	April 22d, 1867.	April 22d, 1867.	May 13th, 1867.
began. } 2d term	September 2d, 1867.	July 29th, 1867.	August 5th, 1867.
3d term	December 2d, 1867.	October 14th, 1867.	
Terms } 1st term	July 3d, 1867.	June 28th, 1867.	June 28th, 1867.
closed. } 2d term	November 22d, 1867.	September 20, 1867.	November 1st, 1867.
3d term	January 31st, 1868.	November 24, 1867.	
Names of scholars not absent nor late.	Alice M. Wiggins, 1 Alcina E. Eastman, 1 Amanda M. Deleware, 1	Carrie L. Dow, 1 Charles E. Welch, 1 Emma S. Eastman, 1	Charles E. Beede, 2 Herbert J. Brown, 1 John E. Beede, 1
(The figures annexed indicate the number of terms.)	Edward B. Merrill, 1 Mary J. Kimball, 2 Mary L. Woodman, 3 Sarah E. Pressey, 1	G Edw'd Eastman, 1 Martha E. Brewer, 1 Mary E. Dow, 1	
Total for Schooling:	\$400 Town's money; \$16.05 Literary Fund,—\$416.05.		
Average amount appropriated for each scholar in town,	\$4.73.		

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